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APPLICANT: Hiroki MATSUOKA Confirmation No. 5813

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PURIFYING METHOD FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION
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RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 16, 2009 in the above-identified application, and in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the Applicant respectfully submits the following, accompanied by a one-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.